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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

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2.15 p.m.—Children's Sports held by

Kowloon Cricket Club.

Goods per *Cornwallshire* undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, January 2—

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p.m. on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 3—

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p.m. on this date will be landed.

SATURDAY, January 4—

Christmas Entertainment at the

Catholic Union, Glenale.

TUESDAY, January 7—

6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's

Cathedral.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1907.

THE PASSING YEAR.

In a few hours the year 1907 will be

come history. While in many respects

the last twelve months have not been

particularly eventful in others rich

material has been supplied for the

historian of the future. There have been

rumours of wars between France and

Germany and between America and

Japan, but happily they have come to

naught. A Franco-Spanish expedition

has been operating against Moorish

rebels, Russia has provided the usual

tale of assassination and savage official

retribution, Persia has been torn by

civil war, the Central American States

have fought each other occasionally

and Japan has been learning, in For-

mosa and Korea, the cost of Empire.

Another Peace Conference was held

at the Hague but without tangible

result. Turning to our own Empire

the splendid efforts of His Majesty

the King have resulted in an improvement

of our relations with all the European

Powers, sealed by the recent visit of

the German Emperor to England.

India has given grave cause for anxiety,

the seditious spirit being fanned to

flame by irresponsible agitators against

whom strong measures had to be taken.

In South Africa Parliaments, elected

under Constitutions which placed full

political powers in the hands of the

Dutch population, have come into

existence in the Transvaal and Orange.

Natal has been, and is, grappling with

the "black" problem, and at the pre-

sent time has an expeditionary force

in the field against the Zulus.

The Dominion of Canada has increased

greatly in wealth and population and

has, for the first time in the history of

the Empire, arranged a treaty with a

foreign power, France, without refer-

ence to or assistance from the Foreign

or the Colonial Office. Another pre-

cedent has been made by the Dominion

by sending Mr. Lemieux to Tokyo to

arrange with the Japanese Government

for a restriction of the immigration of

Japanese subjects. Speaking of Do-

minions recalls the fact that the Colony

of New Zealand has now been accord-

ed the rank of a Dominion. The

Commonwealth of Australia has chief-

ly occupied herself with domestic

problems, the creation of a navy hav-

ing been decided upon and the

Prime Minister having declared in

favour of universal military service.

cession already granted should be

cancelled and the work carried out by

Chinese with Chinese money. The

matter has not yet been settled al-

though the Peking Government has

hitherto been firm in its refusal to

cancel the concession. In Manchuria

there has been considerable friction

between the Chinese and Japanese

authorities and one outstanding ques-

tion, the ownership of Middle Island

which lies between Korea and Man-

churia, may cause future trouble. The

South of China has experienced the

usual rebellions and famines and has

joined with the rest of China in the

attempt to restrict the use of opium.

As a result of his constant intrigues

the Emperor of Korea was deposed

and his son set upon the Throne.

This led to an outbreak against the

Japanese in Korea and desultory fight-

ing is still being carried on in various

parts of the Peninsula. Coming to

our own Colony T.N.H. the Duke and

Duchess of Connaught and Princess

Patricia paid us a visit in February

and during that month H.H.H. Prince

Fushimi passed through on his way to

England. In April the late Governor

Sir Matthew Nathan was appointed to

Natal and left the Colony, and in July

H.E. Sir Frederick Lugard assumed

office as Governor. What is regarded

as the most terrible crime ever per-

petrated in Hongkong took place in

August when an American named

Adsett strangled a woman, Gertrude

Dayton, in the Hongkong Hotel

and tried to dispose of the body

by shipping it on the s.s. Montezuma.

For this crime he was hanged on

November 13. The most important in-

cident in the financial world was the

determination of the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation to large-

ly increase its capital. Generally speak-

ing business has been dull but most of

our local companies have kept up their

dividends, and things have of late taken

a turn for the better. Our currency,

however, still remains unreformed al-

though months ago a Commission was

appointed to make recommendations.

These recommendations, if made, have

not seen the light. Nothing has been

done, either, in regard to the proposals

of the Commission which reported on

Sanitary matters. This is a brief and

necessarily imperfect review of the year

We space available reference should

be made to the great advances made in

wireless telegraphy, in ship-building

and scores of other services of life. From

the point of view of the Hongkong re-

sident 1907 has not been a particularly

auspicious year. We trust, however,

that the prosperity which 1908 brings

to each and all will more than com-

pensate for past losses and disappoint-

ments.

Prince Fushimi, Junior was on Dec. 19

instructed by the Emperor to proceed to

Great Britain.

Mr. L. G. Jolly will, we hear, shortly

leave Tientsin. He has been transferred

from Tientsin, particularly from sporting

circles, where he has taken a leading place.

—P. and T. Times.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Price

and Officers of the Band of the 129th Duke

of Cornwall's Own Band will play the

following programme of music at the King

Edward Hotel, during dinner on Thursday,

2nd Jan., 1908 (weather permitting.)

March....."El Capitan".....Souza

Overture....."Haydn".....Auber

Intermezzo....."Russe".....Famke

Selection....."The Flying Squadron"

Valse....."Gold and Silver".....Léon

Gounod Solo "Les Alsaciennes".....

La Thiere

Selection....."Rem. of the

Plantation".....Chambers

Two Step....."Clorinda".....Moret

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The Chinese Board of Communication

intends recalling some of the students from

America for employment on railway and

mining enterprises.

Among the scores of "artists" who

sought to appear at the Empire Music Hall,

Shepherd's Bush, where would-be public

entertainers were given a trial "turn," was

a shoe-maker-poet, who sent a composition

in ninety-six stanzas, which he stated, "he

would like to recite himself." This is a

quotation from his work.

"The wreck we had to abandon, and leave

it to the fate."

And make our way for the shore, or we

might have been too late.

When at last we reached the shore, then we

saw something in the sea.

And speculation it was life as to what the

thing could be.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

There will be no issue of the China

Mail to-morrow.

The Hongkong Maru (Capt. E. Bont)

got in from Manila this morning with a

long list of passengers.

Cotton and Co.'s calendars this year

represent Lord Nelson's landing at Ports-

mouth on Sept. 14, 1805.

The N. D. L. liner *York* from

Yokohama carried 69 passengers in the

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

## Rebels Released.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)  
 London, December 30.  
 Two hundred natives who were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for complicity in the Zululand rebellion of 1906 have been released.

## GENERAL DRUDE.

## Honoured by France.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)  
 London, December 30.  
 General Drude, who has just returned from Morocco, has been appointed a commander of the Legion of Honour.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS.

## A Disorderly Congress.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)  
 London, December 30.  
 The Indian National Congress at Surat broke up in the wildest disorder, owing to the extremists opposing the Ghose in the election of a President. Tables and chairs were smashed and portions used as weapons. Many of the delegates were injured before the arrival of the Police put an end to the tumult.

## THE TRANSVAAL IMMIGRATION ACT.

London, December 20.  
 The Royal assent has been given to the Transvaal Immigration Act, and the Act gazetted.  
 Gandhi, the Indian leader, five other Indians and three Chinese residents have been sentenced at Johannesburg to quit within 48 hours, for refusing to register.

About 70,000 Indians at present in the Transvaal have declined to conform with the Act, and Gandhi says they are awaiting arrest.

Johannesburg reports that all Indians and Chinese intend to await arrest, and are taking legal opinion on the subject; if the opinion is favourable, they will appeal to a higher Court.

## SHIPBUILDING TRADE.

London, December 20.  
 Owing to the scarcity of orders on the Clyde the shipbuilders yesterday made the biggest pay off for years.  
 Even office staffs and draughtsmen are sharing in the wholesale dismissals.

## THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, December 20.  
 Lord Curzon has consented to enter the House of Lords, in succession to Lord Kilmuir as a representative Peer.

## KIER HARDIE IN NEW ZEALAND.

London, December 20.  
 Wellington reports that Mr Kier Hardie was captured in an Automobile, and it is believed that some of his ribs are broken.

## THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET.

London, December 20.  
 The American fleet has left Trinidad.

## THE U. S. NAVY.

## Investigating the Administration.

WASHINGTON, December 27.  
 A congressional committee has been appointed to investigate the navy department. It is understood that there is a project on foot to abolish the bureau system of the navy and simplify the somewhat cumbersome methods of the department. Certain frictions have arisen in connection with the sailing of the fleet that have indicated the necessity for more direct and well defined methods.

## ROUP.

NOT a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives as soon as the child becomes restless, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## THE PORTLAND ESTATES.

## Druce Grave Opened.

## Perjury Case Fails.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
 London, December 31.

The grave of the late T. C. Druce has been opened at Highgate, and the coffin was found to contain the remains of an old bearded man, thus destroying the allegations of a mock funeral with lead inside the coffin.

The charge of perjury brought by George Hollamby Druce against Herbert Druce has failed, but the claimant declares that he will continue bringing claims against the estate with regard to relationship.

[The efforts of George Hollamby Druce to establish his claim to the Duke of Portland's estates have attracted a great deal of interest throughout England and Australia, whence the claimant has come to prove his case. The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce has been heard before Mr. Polden at the Marylebone Police Court on behalf of George Hollamby Druce, claimant to the Portland Dukedom and the estates of Lord Howard de Walden. It has been claimed that the fifth Duke of Portland lived a double life as T. C. Druce, who married, first, Elizabeth Crickmer (whose grandson is George Hollamby Druce), and afterwards a second wife, (whose oldest son is Herbert Druce). The defendant, Herbert Druce, is alleged to have sworn falsely that his father, T. C. Druce, died in 1864, and that he saw his body in its coffin.—Ed., O.M.]

## CHESS.

A match was played at the Hongkong Chess Club yesterday between seniors and juniors, the latter winning. The result was:

OVER 35.	UNDER 35.
H. H. E. Pollock 0	H. W. Langford 1
M. J. Danenberg 0	R. H. Norrish 1
E. J. Moses 0	D. Carralho 1
Otto Kong Sing 0	J. H. Kemp 1
V. de Souza 1	W. Pelling 0
R. H. Dasher 1	R. Rodrigues 0
A. V. Silva 1	P. Roza 0
T. E. Carvalho 0	P. A. Rozario 1
3	5

## SPORTS FOR CHILDREN.

To-morrow afternoon the Kowloon Cricket Club give their annual treat to the children of the Colony. In the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard sports will be held at King's Park, Kowloon. The band of the 11th Regiment will be in attendance and will play a programme of music, and clowns will amuse the youngsters. The sports will consist of:—1, Boys' Race (100 yards) ages 12 to 14; 2, Girls' Race (75 yards) ages 12 to 14; 3, Boys' Three Legged Race, ages under 12; 4, Girls' Skipping Race, ages under 12; 5, Boys' Points Race, ages 10 to 12; 6, Girls' Race (75 yards) ages 10 to 12; 7, Boys' Sack Race (40 yards) ages 11 to 14; 8, Girls' Skipping Competition, ages 10 to 12; 9, Boys' Race (100 yards) ages 8 to 10; 10, Girls' Blindfold Pig Competition, ages under 14; 11, Boys' Egg and Spoon Race (50 yards) ages under 14; 12, Girls' Skipping Competition, ages under 9; 13, Boys' Tag of War, ages 12 to 14; 14, Girls' Race (20 yards) ages 6 to 8; 15, Boys' Race (40 yards) ages 6 to 8; 16, Girls' Threadneedle Race, ages under 10; 17, Boys' Blindfold Pig Competition, ages under 11; 18, Girls' Race (25 yards) ages 4 to 6; 19, Boys' Race (30 yards) ages 4 to 6; 20, Girls' Race (20 yards) ages under 4; 21, Boys' Race (50 yards) ages under 8; 22, Girls' Egg and Spoon Race (40 yards) ages under 14; 23, Boys' Wheelbarrow Race (20 yards) ages under 14; 24, Girls' Race (100 yards) ages under 14.

The entrance to the Cricket Ground is opposite the 11th Infantry Mess.  
 The musical programme will be:—  
 March "The Rifle Regiment" (Sous)  
 Overture "Poor and Peasant" (Sous)  
 Waltz "The Merry Widow" (Léhar)  
 Selection "The Shop Girl" (Caryl)  
 Two Steps "Way down Indiana" (Bobby)  
 Intermezzo "On the Road to Moscow" (Léhar)  
 Selection "The Gondoliers" (Sullivan)  
 Polka "Izetta" (Jones)  
 Favourite Solo "Deep Blue Sea" (Brown)  
 Galop "Vivats" (Zikoff)

## JUDGE WILFLEY AGAIN.

## Prosecuted at Honolulu.

A special cablegram from Shanghai to the Manila "Columbian-American," dated Dec. 24, says: Judge Wilfley of the United States for China and Hawaii, the clerk of his court, have been sued in Honolulu for \$50,000 damages. The complaint alleges a conspiracy with certain persons in Honolulu to defame the character and ruin the reputation, professional and moral, of Attorney Brooks, a former resident of Shanghai. The specifications of the pleadings set forth several very startling charges of criminal conspiracy, felonious crimes and dishonesty.

It is alleged that the charges were brought in the Honolulu court in order that the case might be heard in an independent court. Advantage was taken of Wilfley's presence in Honolulu, on his way to the United States. Attorney Brooks is plaintiff in the action.

## THE LILLIPUTIANS.

Too much praise cannot be given the Pollard Lilliputian Company upon their presentation of "La Poupée" at the Theatre Royal last night. As in other pieces their acting was almost faultless and their singing and dancing was superb. The audience was naturally extremely enthusiastic, and such songs as "If the world were ruled by girls" and "The Apple on the Tree" were so well rendered that they were encored time and again.

La Poupée is so well-known that a description of the opera is needless. Suffice it to say that no adult company has played it so thoroughly well in the Colony. Miss Ivy Pollard was La Poupée, and, as those who have seen this talented girl will imagine, she was splendidly realistic. The part gave greater scope for her abilities than most others do, and the intelligent conception she has of the piece not only redounds to her credit, but gives infinite enjoyment to the audience. Miss Eva Pollard added to her reputation as Madame Hilarious, the wife of the inventor, and as Mademoiselle Guidine Miss Merle Pollard was distinctly good. Masters J. Reid and John Heintz in the characters of aged aristocrats gave the performance of the evening. They were delightful, and their acting—their impersonation of the old men—was simply admirable. Teddy McNamara, too, was very humorous as Hilarious, the mechanical doll inventor, and he kept the audience in roars of laughter. In addition to these principals there were many others on the stage, and all deserve high praise. The piece was splendidly staged, and the various scenes were excellently arranged. "La Poupée" will appear to-night and to-morrow night.

## A NEW DEBATING SOCIETY.

A Literary and Debating Society was successfully launched on Saturday evening last in connection with the Y. M. C. A., when a large membership adopted a constitution and decided to run the meetings for a time on Parliamentary lines. Messrs J. L. McPherson and S. Kingsbury were respectively elected Premier and Leader of the Opposition and will be engaged during the few days left to them before Parliament meets in securing a ministry and following, and in outlining a policy. As the work of the session deals with a local field in which there is plenty of scope for difference of opinion besides problems which are likely after a near budget to affect the taxpayer's pocket in this "freest of free ports," the debates should be of an interesting as well as useful character. The following committee was appointed:—  
 President Mr. J. L. McPherson, M.A.;  
 Vice-President Mr. J. Sykes; Secretary Mr. S. Kingsbury; Treasurer Mr. T. Edwards; Additional Committee Messrs J. L. Frost and H. S. Bevan. The Premier will declare the Government policy on Monday next at 9 p.m. We have been asked to state that membership is not confined to members of the Y.M.C.A.

## SWATOW NOTES.

## THE WEST RIVER QUESTION.

SWATOW, December 27.  
 The Chinese newspapers here just now are devoting much space to the inquiry of suppressing piracy around Canton, for that is all their contention amounts to in reality. Piracy cannot exist in China unless countenanced by officialdom (not by the District Magistrate or his superiors) but the petty military and riverine officials. It is the duty of the Chinese Government to suppress piracy and make travelling and trading safe, and if they shrink from the duty those who are rightfully travelling and trading should not be required to stop business. This police work undertaken by the British authorities has nothing terrible behind it. Rather should they be thankful for the kindness.

A POPULAR OFFICIAL.  
 Mr. T. N. Manners, of the Chinese Imperial Post Office, has been transferred on promotion to Hankow. He left for his new post on Christmas morning. Mr. Pope, who came to relieve him, received further orders to report to Shanghai while Mr. Miller (British) is coming from Shanghai to take the place. In the meantime Mr. P. McDermott is in charge. At this time when many of the Chinese are trying to charge the foreigners, particularly British, with their country's ills a few words about Mr. Manners may be appropriate.

Mr. Manners is a gentleman and speaks several dialects of Chinese. In his dealing with the Chinese he has been courteous, just and firm. In his work here he has been painstaking and enthusiastic and anxious to popularize his Post Office. One of the Customs people tells me that in the one and three-quarter years he has been in charge at Swatow Mr. Manners has accomplished wonders in improving postal facilities hereabout, this in the face of heart-breaking and well nigh insurmountable difficulties. He has worked hard out of hours as in them with the result that the business of the C.T.P.O. here has increased beyond all expectation.

My point is this:—Mr. Manners is an Englishman, working for the Chinese Government. Now, if every Chinese Mandarin in the service of the Chinese Government was as enthusiastic in his work, as absolutely incorruptible, as courteous, capable, and unassuming as Mr. Manners, the Chinese would have a respected, strong Government, capable of maintaining order and to guarantee would be necessary round Canton or elsewhere in the Empire. If the Chinese really want men who will give more value for the pay they get, let them get more men like Mr. Manners, a quiet, hardworking, honest, and energetic employee of the Chinese Government.

## SPORTING.

## Football.

## THE HONGKONG CLUB.

On Thursday next the Hongkong Football Club's Association team will meet H.M.S. Monmouth on the Club's ground, Happy Valley, commencing at 4.30. The Club will be represented by the following players:—  
 Goal:—F. H. Kow; Backs:—E. F. Ancoot and H. L. Garrett; Half Backs:—J. Hall, E. Humphreys and A. Gregory; Forwards:—W. H. Williams, R. R. Turner, O. Eger, C. Humphreys and J. Mead.  
 On Saturday the Club play the Middlesex team and a hot game is anticipated, as the soldiers are expected to put in a good eleven. For this match the skipper of the Club team is making an experiment by playing E. Humphreys at back in place of H. L. Garrett and putting Weill centre-half. This formation should strengthen the Club team.  
 The annual Hong match—Jardines v. Telegraphs—will be played on Tuesday next.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE DEFEATED.

On Saturday afternoon a team from the Empress of India met the Queen's College Football Club on the Polo Ground; play commenced at 3.30 p.m. At first play was mostly in the school area. The ship's forwards attacked very strongly and on several occasions all but scored, but the backs were safe and were kicking hard. Then Abbas, on the left wing, made a run up the line and sent the ball into the centre. Here it was stopped by the centre forward, and the first goal for Queen's was scored. On resuming play the ship made a fine run up the field and scored. The play of their right wing was very noticeable here. He was quick and centred well, their first goal being scored by his passing. Soon after, another run was made by the boys, but their opponents' weight told and they were unable to do anything. Again they attempted and this time were successful, the second goal being added by the centre forward, Fung Sa Sum. At half time the score stood at 2-1 in favour of Queen's College.

In the second half the boys seemed to fall back a lot and nearly all the attacking was done by the ship. During this half no less than five corners were awarded to the latter. This was partly on account of the state of the ground and of the kicking of the backs. From another pass from the right wing the Empress added another goal to her score. Then play was all over the field. The boys tried hard to score but were unable to pass the centre line. This continued for a long time. But finally a shot from the centre hit the goal post and bounced in and so put the ship ahead. The school again tried to score, but were unable and at full time the score was 3-2 in favour of the Empress of India. The College boys made a good showing against their bigger opponents.—Contributed.

## Cricket.

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

To-morrow at 11 a.m. the Club will play against a team selected from the United Services. The following will play for the Club:—  
 R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, W. C. D. Turner, A. A. Claxton, H. R. Makin, A. W. J. Peake, H. R. Phelps, E. A. Fowler, R. B. Beattie, C. E. Shields and A. H. Young.

On Thursday, the 2nd proximo, the Club will play a return match against the League XI. The Club will be represented by the following players:—  
 R. Hancock, H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, W. C. D. Turner, A. A. Claxton, H. R. Makin, A. W. J. Peake, H. R. Phelps, E. A. Fowler, L. S. Usher, (12th Baluchis) and one other.

## THE SECOND TEST.

The second test match of the present series, between England and Australia, commences to-morrow on the Cricket ground, Melbourne, and should prove an interesting contest. The English team has played two matches this season on the Melbourne ground, both against Victoria, and on each occasion the matches, though drawn, have been marked by high scoring. If the ground is in good condition, and it is likely to be, the match should be a good scoring game. Australia's bowlers are weak, but the batting on both sides is strong; the English batting being brilliant. The performance of Australia's "tail"—if the team possesses a tail—in the last test match has shown the possibilities of the team from a batting point of view, while we need no further evidence than that which has been already provided as to the batting strength of the English combination.

Australia will be favourite for the game, but the English Eleven will not be beaten until the match is all over. A good fight is certain to take place.

## Boxing.

The proposed boxing match between Bellow and Sims, of U.S.S. Wilmington, will not take place to-morrow, as the Wilmington is still in Canton. An advertisement will appear later giving the date and venue.  
 Arrangements for the contest between Bellow and Sims are being put forward. The contest is to be a private one and those desiring tickets should send application to Bellow without delay, as the subscription list are filling well.

## NEWS FROM SCOTLAND.

## (From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, November 29.  
 The Subscribers' Committee for the presentation of a gift from the County of Roxburgh to H. M. armoured cruiser Roxburgh have now accepted a design by Mr. Thomas J. Clapperton, sculptor, and it is expected that the work will be completed early in the coming year. The design takes the form of a silver challenge shield as a trophy for annual competition among the gun crews. Mr. Clapperton, although practising his art in London, is a Borderer, and has already executed work for his native district, notably the very fine bronze panels recently inscribed in the Mungu Park monument at Selkirk.

The Kaiser is always careful to have a telling phrase when he makes a speech, and the one which he used with most effect during his recent visit to Britain was "Blood is thicker than water." It is a familiar saying, of course, but it took a special meaning from his lips. Originally it is Scottish, and is to be found in Allan Ramsay's Collection, dated 1737. Curiously enough, it was made popular in England by an American—the Naval Captain who came to the help of the British at Taku in 1859.

Mr. Stewart Clark, a member of the Clark family of Paisley thread fame, has died at his residence, Dundas Castle, South Queensferry. He is the last of the old Clark stock who founded the Anchor Thread Mills which have made the name of Paisley known all over the world. He was originally a Liberal in politics, but he joined the Unionists on the introduction of the Home Rule Bill.

His death recalls the beginnings of the cotton thread trade in "Seeston." In 1803, Napoleon conquered North Germany, and occupied Hamburg. In order to cripple British industries, he caused the stock of silk held in Hamburg to be burned, much to the consternation of the Paisley weavers. The Clarks were manufacturers of heddle twine and heddles, and the supply of raw material being stopped by the burning of the stock at Hamburg, they were at their wits' end. The happy thought then occurred to Mr. Clark's grand-uncle to substitute cotton warp yarn for silk, and twist it into thread in the manner of the present six-cord sewing cotton. Rough linen thread was then the material used by ladies, but the new cotton thread came at once into great demand. Originally it was sold in lumps, and wound into balls, like a "cut" of wool. The bobbins came later, and were at first charged a halfpenny extra, which was refunded when "returned empty."

A beautiful marble tablet has been placed in Dean Parish Church, Edinburgh, in memory of Sir William and Lady Muir. Sir William had a long career in India, where he showed great administrative ability in the Civil Service as Lieutenant-General of the North-West Provinces, Financial Minister, and other high positions. Later he was Principal of Edinburgh University, where his sympathetic attitude made him known as "The Students' Principal."

The death is announced of Mr. John Fraser, of Pahang, second son of the late Mr. Donald Fraser, of Millburn, which occurred at Castle Hill House, near Inverness. Mr. Fraser had been ailing for some time from the effect of a motor accident in London. It occurred more than a year ago, and it was followed by a severe cold which settled upon his chest. He and his brothers were well known in connection with the Pahang Corporation and other undertakings launched by them. In 1889, he married Miss Constance Ellen Mappin, eldest daughter of Mr. John Newton Mappin, London, and niece of Sir Frederick Mappin, M.P. for Retford. Mr. Fraser was in his forty-third year, and is survived by his wife and two sons and three daughters. He was buried in Tomnahurich, Inverness.

The contract for the electrification of the tramways at Moscow, at a cost of two millions sterling, has been finally awarded, after a protracted conflict with powerful German interests, to the Edinburgh firm of Bruce, Peebles & Co. This is subject to the completion of the financial arrangements which depend upon the attitude of the London market towards Russian municipal obligations. This is the first successful attempt on the part of British enterprise to cope with the predominant German enterprise.

It is current in Glasgow that the negotiations which Messrs Beardmore and Co., Glasgow, and Dalmuir, have been conducting for a considerable period with the Spanish Government for the construction of a number of battleships and cruisers have come to a successful conclusion. The contracts in the aggregate will amount to about seven millions sterling.

The death has just occurred of Mr. Jasper Young, of Garroch, Kirkcubrightshire, at the age of seventy-four. Mr. Young was the son of a Kilmarnock Bailie, and joined the establishment of Messrs. Boustead, Stirling, in 1855. Five years later he was admitted a partner. In 1873, he came back to the town to undertake the management there for the firm, and in 1883, on the death of Mr. Boustead, he became senior partner. Twenty years ago, Mr. Young bought the Stewartry estate of Garroch, and built a beautiful mansion.

The Rev. Theodore Marshall, D.D., has been nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1908. He was one of the Commissioners in connection with the Cullinstown controversy, and visited India in 1884-5. As Convener of the Committee of the Work of the Church in India and Ceylon, he was conspicuously successful in the conduct of the negotiations with the Government as to the treatment of Scottish chaplains and soldiers in India. At present he is on his second round the world, having set out in August for Japan.

## SWEEPING INDICTMENT OF YUAN SHIH-KAI.

## Compared to a Traitor.

According to a translation from the "Sin Wen Pao" in the "China Gazette" the following strong indictment has been made against H. H. Yuan:—

Liang Ting-fen, Judge of Hupeh, has memorialised the Throne to the effect that Yuan Shih-kai was not in his youth a man of education, his favourite pastime being horse-riding, and fencing.

He rose to power, through Yung-lu, who took him for his protégé, and after Yung-lu's death, Yuan went over to Prince Ching. Yuan at first called on the Prince on three different occasions but was not received.

Eventually through the good offices of Yang Shi-hiang (the present Viceroy of Chihli) and by means of bribes, Yuan became a protégé of the Prince; their relations are now more intimate.

Yuan's power is unprecedented in the history of the dynasty. The Prince is a weak man naturally, and Yuan Shih-kai knowing his weakness has cleverly turned it to his own advantage.

The Prince's expenses were very heavy, and this gave Yuan opportunities to bribe him. Through Yuan's favourable recommendation Yung Ching and Chu Shih-ching became Grand Counsellors. Yuan advises and the Prince carries out his advice.

Chow-fu, Tang, Shao-yi, Yang Shi-chi and Wu Chung-hsieh all owe their present power to the favouritism of Yuan. Chu Shih-chong had never done any meritorious work for the state but through Yuan he has been made Viceroy of Manchuria and his authority exceeds that of the other Viceroys by many times.

Chu Chia-pao, who was a Chih-hsien a short time ago, is now the acting Governor of Kirin, all through Yuan's favouritism. Whereas Chao Erh-sen did his utmost to combat the influence of the Japanese, but Chu Shih-chong simply takes things as they come in order to cultivate the favour of the Japanese.

The Court ought to be alarmed when their Majesties consider the great military authority exercised by Yuan and his protégés in Chihli and Manchuria.

Finally Yuan Shih-kai is compared with Tsao Chao, a notorious traitor of the Han Dynasty.

## SUBMARINE MINES.

## Japanese Improvements.

From press despatches from Yokosuka it appears, says the "Seoul Press," that some Japanese naval officers have been engaged for the last few years in laborious experiments with submarine mines with a view to the improvement of this terrible instrument of war, the usefulness of which was sufficiently proved during the late war, yet which it was admitted still needed something to complete its usefulness. These experiments have been rewarded by two inventions which were almost simultaneously discovered. The first invention was made by a Mr. Ota of Ohmatsu Naval Station, and official experiments with it were lately started by the Yokosuka Submarine Mine School. The second invention is due to two officers on board the destroyers Izumi and Kikuzuki whose names have not yet been communicated. A Committee with Rear-Admiral H. Ichiji in the chair is now making examinations of the two mines. The former has been styled the "New Submarine Mine" and the latter the "Latest Submarine Mine."

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—  
 On the 31st at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen in E. Japan, and fallen over the E. and N. coasts of China.

A slight depression has passed from the continent to the Yellow Sea. Pressure is highest over W. Japan, in the East, and over the Upper Yangtze in the West. Gradients have decreased over S. China, and moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

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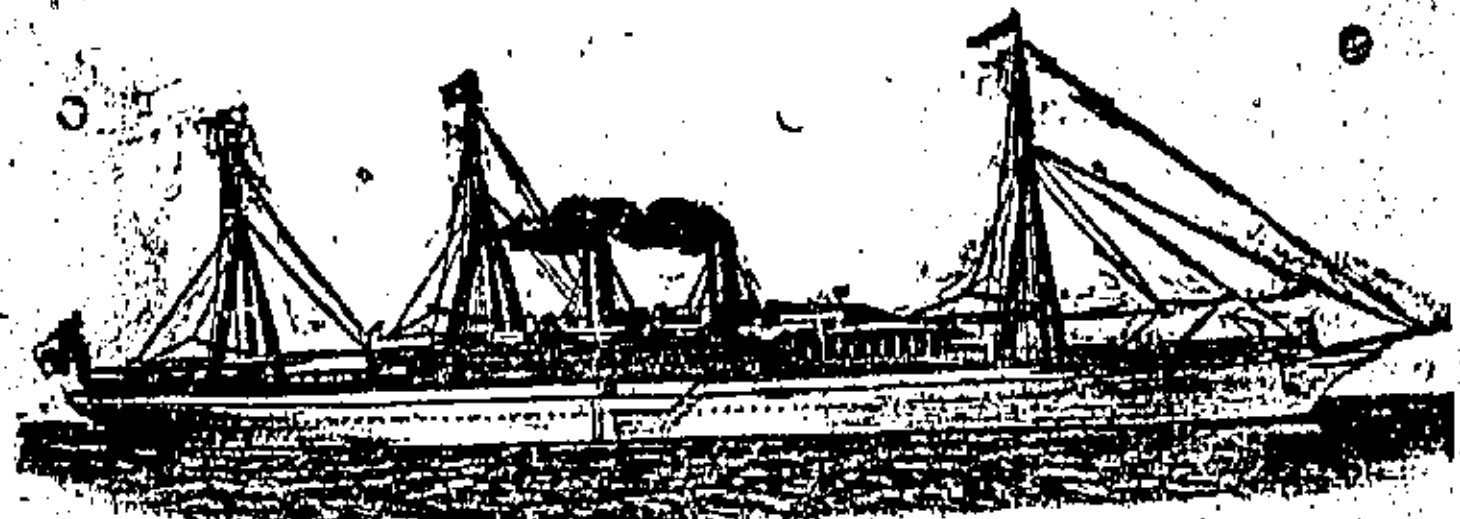
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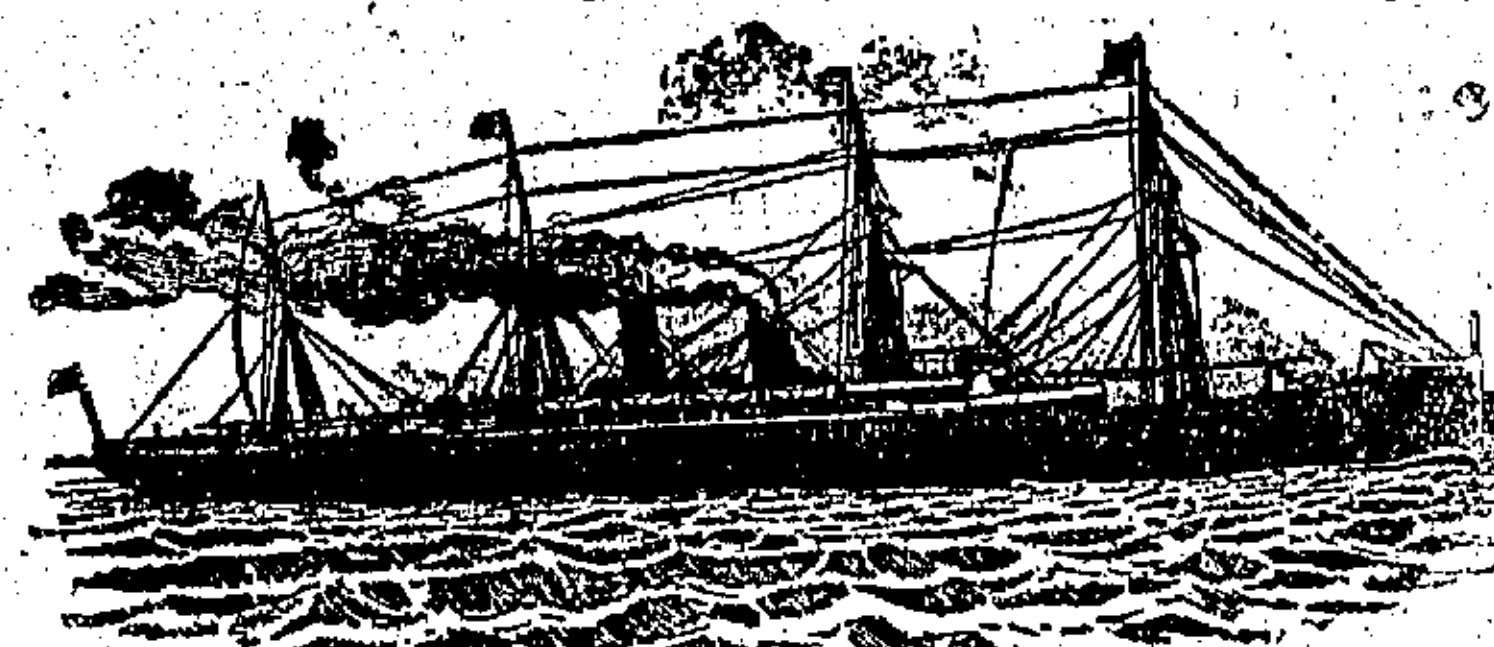
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	Capt. J. Randermann	
HANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	ZIETEN	FRIDAY, 3rd Jan.
	Capt. F. Prosch	
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	MANILA	SATURDAY, 4th Jan., at Noon.
	Capt. Minnen	
KUDAT AND SANDARAN	BORNEO	Middle of January 1908.
	Capt. F. Semhill	

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ARADIA.....7000	Jan. 11	VICTORIA.....10000	Feb. 22	Feb. 29
PRINCE.....5000	Feb. 9	MAJESTIC.....10000	Mar. 7	Mar. 14
DEVANHA.....8000	Feb. 22	BRITANNIA.....7000	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
DELTA.....8000	Mar. 7	MOULTAN.....10000	Apr. 4	Apr. 11
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T. ARIMA, Manager.

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THE Steamship

ARMAND BEHIC,

Captain GUINON, will be despatched for

MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 7th

January, 1908, at 1 p.m.

This steamer comes at Colombo with

the Australian line s.s. Ville de la Ciotat

bound for MARSEILLES, via BOMBAY

and ADEN.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of

Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in

Europe.

Next Sailing will be as follows:-

S.S. SALAZAR.....Jan. 21, 1908.

S.S. YAKA.....Feb. 4, 1908.

S.S. OZANEN.....Feb. 18, 1908.

J. MILLET,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 26, 1907. 2300

'GLEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP

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THE Steamship

GLENAYON,

Captain WOLFESEN, will be despatched

as above on January 9th, 1908.

For Freight, apply to

McGREGOR BROS. &amp; CO.,

Hongkong, December 19, 1907. 2305

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY

OCCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL STEAM-

SHIP COMPANY.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU

JAPAN, SHANGHAI &amp; MANILA.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

HONGKONG MARU.

The above Steamer having arrived, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby notified to

send in their Bills of Lading for counter-

signature, and to take immediate delivery

from the warehouse.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

vessel will be landed at once at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m.,

THURSDAY, January 2nd, 1908, will be

landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered by Noon, TUES-

DAY, January 7th, 1908, will be sub-

ject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo

will be examined at the above Company's

Godown on MONDAY, January 6th,

at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1907. 2350

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

STEAMER ARADIA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above-

named Vessel are hereby informed that

their Goods are being landed and

placed at their risk in the Godowns of

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's

Godowns at Kowloon, where each con-

signee will be sorted out Mark by Mark and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &amp;c., ex s.s. Victoria,

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and

B. and P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary

before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd January,

at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me

in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Con-

signees and the Company's representative

at an appointed hour. All Claims must be

presented within ten days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which date they cannot

be recognized. No Claims will be ad-

mitted after the Goods have left the

Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2359

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER SALAZAR.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES

MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from London ex

s.s. Dour and Cordovan; from

Bordeaux ex s.s. Ville de Bordeaux;

from s.s. Yger, in connection

with the above steamers, are hereby in-

formed that their Goods, with the excep-

tion of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are

being landed and stored at their risks

into the hazardous and/or extra hazar-

dous Godowns of the Hongkong &amp; Kow-

loon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,

at Kowloon, whence delivery may be ob-

tained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees before Noon, To-day, requesting

it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the undersigned after THURSDAY, the 2nd

January, at Noon, will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or

before the 2nd January, or they will not

be recognized.

Damaged packages will be examined

on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLET,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 26, 1907. 2361

### FROM THE ICY NORTH.

Hard Winter Foreshadowed.

A correspondent of the "China Times"

writes:—"The rural districts around Tien-

tsin, especially between Tientsin and

Yangtze, are at present swarming with

sand-grouse. These birds are only to be

found each year, sporadically, so that

their unusually large number this year

has considerable interest, apart from

the sportsman's point of view. The

birds come from northern Siberia and

are driven southwards only by excessive

cold. At the present moment an unusu-

ally intense water, accompanied by heavy

snow falls, is being experienced over

eastern Siberia. These birds, which are

grain eaters only, cannot get food which

lies buried under the snow. Their south-

ward migratory movement indicates a very

cold winter. Excessive cold in Siberia is

always accompanied by a corresponding

decrease in temperature throughout Mon-

golia and North China." Meanwhile, it

may be added, skating is reported at

Tientsin, and there are considerable ice

floods in the river.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship Pongnang having

arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signees of cargo by her are hereby in-

formed that their goods will be delivered

from the warehouse.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-

maining on board after 12 o'clock Noon,

the 28th inst., will be landed at Consig-

neers' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2365

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENYOLICH.

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby in-

formed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the hazardous

and/or extra hazardous Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Co., Limited, whence and/or

from the warehouse delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd

Jan., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undersigned on or before

the 10th Jan., or they will not be re-

cognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 3rd Jan., at

11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2364

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH,

ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO

AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

DARNARVONSHIRE,



